

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Establishment – I&CAD Department – APESS – Appointment of Lock & Warf Superintendents with diploma qualification as Assistant Engineer temporarily pending amendment to Andhra Pradesh Engineering Subordinate Service Rules – Orders – Issued.

G.O.Ms.No. 9

Dated:4-2-2009
Read the following:

- 1. From the President, A.P. Technical Officers' Association Representation dt. 29.7.2008.**
- 2. Govt. Memo.No.22373/Ser.IX-1/08-1, dt. 6.8.2008.**
- 3. From the Engineer in Chief (AW), I&CAD Dept., Hyd. Lr.No.Rc/ENC/D2/58200/2007, dt. 21.10.2008.**

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the President, A.P. Technical Officers Association, Hyderabad has represented that the Lock-Superintendents in Irrigation & CAD Department possessing Diploma in Civil Engineering qualification and having more than 6 years of service, are not considered for appointment by transfer as Assistant Engineer, as is being considered in the case of Draughts men, Tracers and I.C. Assistants in the same service. The post of Lock Superintendent is a feeder channel promotional post from the post of I.C. Assistants shown under category 4 of Rule 2 (a) mentioned under Branch-III (Irrigation Branch) in Part-II of A.P.E.S.S. Rules. As per rule 2 (c) mentioned in part-II under Branch-I, Engineering Branch of A.P.E.S.S. Rules, appointment to the category of Assistant Engineer can also be made by transfer or by promotion from the category of Irrigation Conservancy subordinates i.e., I.C. Assistants. When the lower post of I.C. Assistants are being considered for the post of Assistant Engineers, non-considering the post of Lock Superintendent to the post of Assistant Engineer is against to the natural justice. The post of Lock Superintendent is a higher post to the Tracers & I.C. Assistants, and lower to that of the post of Assistant Engineer for all purposes i.e., scale of pay, duties and responsibilities etc. He has requested the Government to consider the promotion / appointment by transfer of the qualified Lock Superintendents as Assistant Engineers, so as to avoid discontentment and discrimination among the Lock Superintendents in the Department.

- 2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Engineer-in-Chief (AW), Irrigation & CAD Department, Hyderabad has stated that orders were issued vide G.O.Ms.No.342, Irrigation & CAD (Ser.I) Department, dt. 20-10-1998 allowing the I.C. Assistants, possessing Diploma qualification with 6 years of service in the category of I.C. Assistant/Work Inspectors be considered for appointment by transfer as Assistant Engineer against the left over quota for Work Inspectors category on par with Draughtsman Grade. II, Grade.III and Tracer, pending amendment to A.P. Engineering Subordinate Service Rules. As per Rule 2 (a) read with Schedule-II referred to in Rules contained in Part-II under Branch-I (Engineering Branch) of the A.P.E.S.S. Rules against the post of**

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Additional Assistant Engineer (now Assistant Engineer), recruitment of candidates who possess Diploma in Civil Engineering can be made to the post of Assistant Engineer for special reasons by transfer from any other service. As per Rule 2 (a) mentioned in Branch-III (Irrigation Branch) of A.P.E.S.S. Rules, the post of Lock and Warf Superintendent is a feeder channel promotional post to the category-6 (b) I.C. Assistant (Subordinate) Grade. I and Grade.II or Telephone Gumasthas-I & II Grades or direct recruitment. The scales of pay for lock & Warf Superintendent and I.C. Assistant are as follows in RPS 1999:

Lock & Warf Superintendent Rs. 3290-6550/-
Irrigation Conservancy AssistantRs. 3130-6150/-

In Revised Pay, 2005, scales of Lock & Warf Superintendent & I.C. Assistant are equalized as Rs.4825-10845/-. The Lock & Warf Superintendent is only one post and there is no separate post of Lock Superintendent since there are no operation of Warfs in canals except operation of locks in canals now. The practice of calling the post where there is work of lock system as Lock Superintendent instead of Lock & Warf Superintendent. The post is one and the same as Lock & Warf Superintendent and continuing. The post of the Lock & Warf Superintendent has not been covered in terms of G.O.Ms.No.342, Irrigation & CAD (Ser.I) Department, dated 20.10.1998 to consider for appointment by transfer as AE on par with I.C. Assistant. He has recommended the request of the Association for considering the issue of the post of Lock & Warf Superintendent for appointment by transfer as Assistant Engineer on par with I.C. Assistant duly relaxing Rule 6 of A.P.E.S.S. Rules, as was considered to I.C. Assistant in the G.O.Ms.No. 342, dated 20-10-1998.

3. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby order that Lock & Warf Superintendents who possess Diploma Qualification with 6 years service as feeder category for appointment by transfer to the post of Assistant Engineer on par with I.C. Assistants subject to issue of suitable amendments to the A.P. Engineering Subordinate Service Rules.

4. Necessary amendments to the A.P. Engineering Subordinate Service Rules will be issued separately.

5. The Engineer-in-Chief (AW), shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

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